THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 15th May 1954.

The House met at the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

* 924 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up at the end of the question hour as requested by the hon. Member, Sri Kalyanasundram."

Loss of property at Azhikode village due to rough weather in Chirakkal, North Malabar.

* 925 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation regarding the loss of houses and coconut trees due to thunder, lightning and heavy rain on 22nd April 1954 at Azhikode village in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have given any relief; and

(*c*) whether other villages also were affected by this calamity and if so, the loss incurred by the residents?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A report from the Collector of Malabar has been called for. It is awaited."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the urgency of the situation, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that the report is expedited, so that action could be taken immediately? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. A telegraphic communication has been sent."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the alleged havoc took place on 27th April 1954 at Azhikode village and since we are now on the 15th May, nearly one month has elapsed in the interval. Do the Government take so much time to get the news telegraphically from the Collector? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the question was given notice of only a few days back."

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Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that there was in fact a cyclone and that the people in the villages there were affected? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Probably, it is not a major cyclone like the one we had in Tanjore, but only a minor one."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" மாஹி பக்கத்தில் இருக்கக்கூடிய பிரதேசங்களில் இணைப்புக் கிளர்ச்சிகளை ஆதரிக்கின்றவர்களை பயமுறுத்துவதற்காக, மாஹியில் இருக்கக்கூடியவர்கள் கையாட்களையும், குண்டர்களையும், வைத்து பல அநீதிகளைச் செய்யும்படியாகத் தூண்டுவது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" We are in question No. 925."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that so many villagers have lost their huts, will the Government suggest to the Collector of Malabar to render them immediate help? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. The Collector has got standing instructions to do the needful to help the distressed."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the roaring thunder and lightning that took place on 22nd April 1954, 22 houses in Azhikode village alone were levelled to the ground, 36 houses were seriously damaged and some 200 persons have become homeless. Apart from these, some 300 coconut trees have fallen and a weaving factory has been smashed to the ground . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" We are in question hour. The hon. Member is giving detailed information . . ."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I am putting a question, Sir. Sir, in view of the serious damage that has occurred, will the Hon. Minister see that immediately some relief is rushed to the village? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, as I said already, there is no information available here. I shall take every step to see that necessary relief is given."

Eye disease in Blathur, Irukkur firka, North Malabar.

* 926 *Q*.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation or report quite recently regarding the attack of a peculiar eye-disease in the form of an epidemic to the people of Blathur in Irukkur firka, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar;

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on the same; and

(*c*) whether this Government have received any directive instruction or advice from the Central Government with regard to the same?